

Cautioning Tension.
Under this head, the New York Commercial Advertiser, not a very radical Republican paper, gives utterance to some sentiments that are certainly worth remembering:
The weak side of the American people is to forget and forgive. It is true these are humane virtues. Just now we are exhibiting them in a marked manner in regard to the late C. L. Felt.

that during our civil war he was almost as malignant a traitor as a rebel in arms. We have only to read his own writings to know that he desired the success of the rebel arms—or his outspoken treason he was arrested, convicted, and sent through the rebel lines. We find no concealment of his sympathy with treason. In order that the South should win, he was willing to have the Union perish. He was as much a traitor as Jeff Davis. "This is desecrating the grave," will cry some people of morality. "It is heartless to disturb the ashes of the dead," cries another patriotic hypocrite. Well, we know, is expected to cover a multitude of sins, and Vandalism ought to be forgiven as a repeating sinner. That great one of sinners, the traitor, is

use, with one eye on the White House and the other on the grave, will be shocked at the idea of calling Vallandigham a traitor. He believed him to be one when a member of Lincoln's Cabinet, and assented to the sentence that exiled him from Ohio. He did not then expect Vallandigham's aid to secure him the nomination for President. The other day when he did desire his aid he "soft-sawered" him with "courageous patriot," a Moses comes to lead his party out of Egyptian darkness—"God bless you for it." This sort of political cant is what should be taught to the young men of America. When a Chief Justice canonizes treason, political morality is at a very low ebb.

The town of Hillsdale, in Michigan, has recently enjoyed a scene of hysterical interest, which affords a singular mixture of French sentimentality and Yankee mysticism. The Rev. E. H. Whipple, who bears the honorable titles of clergyman, father of family, and Professor of Belles Lettres in the College at Hillsdale, has been relieving the monotony of his collegiate and sacerdotal functions by an intelli-

those honorable name we will give no further publicity. Of course, the liaison could not long be hidden in a little town where there are tired eyes at every window, and where every visit is carefully observed and estimated by neighbors across the way. Circumstances favored the busy research of malicious eyes; the relations between the Parson and the Deacon's wife became the subject of remark, and the secret sin seemed intolerable to the Professor when set in the light of his townsman's countenances. So one Sunday morning, after services were over he asked a number of the prominent church members to remain, and read to them a confession which would have been impossible to any man not related with them.

brooding over his own mental processes. He acknowledged his intimacy with the unfortunate lady he misled, and said he made this confession in the interest of his imperiled salvation. He then invited three of his parishioners to go with him to the house of the outraged Deacon, and there repeated the humiliating confession. The injured husband received him as a brother, and the whole congregation was aroused with Christian equanimity. The whole company joined in prayer. The wronger and the wronged shook hands in token of forgiveness, and the next morning the Deacon and his wife left Hillsdale. The penitent professor remains, and receives a large share of public sympathy for his humble truthfulness.

activity. Gov. Leslie and Gen' Harlan, who are running against each other for Governor, are discussing the issues of the day to-day, driving from place to place in the same carriage, and, where accommodations are limited, even sleeping in the same bed.

HORSE THIEVES AT WORK.—The Concord (N. H.) *Monitor* says horse thieves are at work in Rockingham and Strafford counties. On Thursday night, the 22d inst., a dark roan horse, belonging to Dr. John W. Chase, of Dedham, Mass., was stolen from a pasture be-

hieves went to Nottingham Square, and on their way stole a harness from John Simpson, Esq. They then went toward Lee and stole a wagon from Albert Fernald, Esq., and from there passed on to Lee Hill, where they entered the barn of Nicholas D. Meserve and stole a head-stall and conflux reins. From there they went to the residence of Jeremiah Smith and took from the carriage house an elegant stage wagon, into which they harnessed their horses and left the wagon stolen by the owner. A reward of \$300 has been offered by Hon. Jeremiah Smith and Dr. Chase for the conviction of the thief or thieves, and the recovery of the property.

I see by the PRESS that the wife of Capt. John B. Day has become famous as the mother of an infant that weighed nearly fourteen pounds at the time of its birth, the mother weighing two hundred pounds. We have a lady in this place, Mrs. James R. Eaton, who gave birth to a boy, on the 21st of last February, that weighed at birth fourteen pounds and four quarters, the mother weighing only 145 pounds. The child now weighs 32 pounds at the age of four months. If anybody can beat this we should like to hear from them.

SECOND DAY.

5.43, Prayer meeting of great interest, conducted by Rev. J. M. Palmer of Portland.

8 o'clock, Conference renewed its session.—Scripture read by the Moderator, and Rev. E. Walker, delegate from Oregon, led in prayer.

Reports from delegates visiting corresponding bodies.

The Treasurer, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, presented his report, duly audited.

9 o'clock, Sixty-fourth anniversary of the Maine Missionary Society.

The incorporators of the new charter met, choosing Dr. Ham, of Bangor, as chairman.

And Dr. Thurston of Searsport, secretary.—The charter was accepted, and the present members of the society were voted in as members.

Then followed the sermon, by Rev. Albert Cole of Cornish. Text, Daniel 2-4; theme, "The Kingdom of Christ." Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. D. B. Sewall, of Fryeburg. Singing by the congregation.

The report of the Treasurer was read by the President, and that of the Trustees by the Secretary. Receipts from the churches \$10,-000; leacies, \$3300; paid to 107 laborers in 119 towns, in the aggregate 29 years and 5 months. 57 have labored 1 year: 13 from 6 to 11 months;

The missionary churches have 4805 members, 1000 in Sabbath schools.

Remarks followed by President Harris, Rev. D. Shuler of Yamacraw, S. P. Ferry of Bangor, J. Cameron of Greenville, W. W. Patton of Chicago, J. S. Wheelwright, Esq. of Bangor, and J. B. Rae of Medway.

Officers elected: President, Jos. S. Wheelwright of Bangor; Vice-President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D. of Bath; Secretary, Rev. S. Thurston of Searsport; Treasurer, Joshua Maxwell of Portland; Auditors, Dea. T. R. Hayes and Geo. E. Thurston of Portland; Trustees, Eben S. S. Goddard, Lewis Esq., W. S. Adams, of Portland; Wheelwright, Esq., Dana, of Portland; W. W. Patton, of Chicago, Dr. P. Doud, Dr. Herrick, Rev. S. P. Ferry of Bangor; Rev. S. Thurston of Searsport; Rev. W. Parker of Belfast; S. Adams, Esq.,

At Hallowsell Rev. A. Cole of Cornish; Rev. J. O. Fiske of Bath.

Place of next meeting, Skowhegan. First preacher, Rev. J. Smith of Buxton; alternate, Rev. J. H. Gurney of Foxcroft. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The first hour was occupied by a report on Bangor Seminary, presented by Rev. Thomas N. Lord.

The Committee on the Maine Classical School reported through Rev. H. F. Harding of Calais, rehearsing its advantages, and stated that one hundred and fifty thousand dollars more is needed to found the institution, and at least fifty thousand to make a beginning. They ad-

Bowdoin College. Also the appointment of a committee to prosecute the enterprise if it was. President Harris favored the school if it was to be a sure thing and not drag out a precarious existence in poverty. He objected to the reference to the college Trustees. Hon. J. Titcomb also objected to such reference as likely to awaken prejudice. Rev. Geo. Harris withdrew the offer of Auburn, and introduced an amendment, which awakened an animated discussion. Finally a committee of thirteen was raised to nominate another committee of seven, to locate before September 1st, the conference, to abide by the decision. The names

to be presented Thursday morning, will be Rev. Dr. Fiske, Dr. N. T. True, Judge Davis, Rev. George Harris, Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, Joseph Titcomb, Esq., Rev. H. F. Harding.

Wednesday evening there was a praise meeting led by the choir and organ. Professor Herriek reported on the Education Society, and various agents of benevolent organizations presented their claims.

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